

Frequently Asked Questions

What about lanterns, camp lights, light sticks, or headlamps?

These are defined as artificial light and may not be used to lure or aid in taking wildlife; however, these may be used for the convenience and safety of the sportsperson.

Can I use a spotlight to hunt predators*?

Predators may be taken by aid of artificial light if on private land and written permission from the landowner or landowner's agent is obtained. Predators may not be hunted using artificial light on public lands, except that raccoons may be taken by aid of a handlight provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog.

Is a battery powered scope legal to use?

Battery powered scopes are legal to use for hunting, provided the battery is not powering a visible light projected at the target or providing an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

*Predatory animal (predators) are defined as: coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk or stray cat; and gray wolf located outside the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in W. S. § 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) and (II).



General Information

(Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

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REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

Stop Poaching Hotline (24 hrs/7 days a week)
1-877-WGFD-TIP (Instate) or 307-777-4330 (Out of State)

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/law-enforcement/stop-poaching>

Text keyword WGFD to TIP411

*For more information, contact your nearest
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Artificial Lighting Devices



An informational guide
to legal lighting
devices for hunting
and fishing.



Hunting

Devices Allowed For Hunting

- Fiber-optic and light gathering sights
- Sights emitting natural light
(Example: Trijicon® style night sights)
- Rangefinders
- Scopes with built-in rangefinders
- Battery-powered scopes that use a lighted reticle or dot projected only within the scope
- Battery-powered bow pins
- Lighted arrow nocks (Example: Lumenok®)



Devices Prohibited For Hunting

- Spotlights/hand lights
- Laser sights emitting visible light
- Night vision devices
- Infrared and thermal scopes

Governing Authority

Wyoming Statute 23-3-306(b)

“No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any *artificial light or lighting device* except as otherwise provided...”



HUNTING

Chapter 2, Sec. 2(g) of Commission Regulations states: “*Artificial Light or Lighting Device*” means any man-made light or lighting device which projects a visible light outside the device, or any electronic device which provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

FISHING

Chapter 46, Sec 2(c) of Commission Regulations states: “*Artificial Light*” means any man-made light or lighting device.

Chapter 46, Sec 4(c) of Commission Regulations states: “*Artificial light* may be used while fishing with legal fishing methods except as prohibited in Section 10.”

Chapter 46, Sec 10(c) of Commission Regulations states “The use of *artificial light* to take game fish with a spear gun is prohibited.”

Nongame fish may be taken with a spear gun by use of artificial light. This includes game fish in waters where they are classified as nongame fish (examples: burbot in Flaming Gorge Reservoir, walleye in Buffalo Bill Reservoir).

Fishing

Devices Allowed For Fishing

- Lighted strike indicators or bobbers
- Worms, baits and tackle chemically enhanced to produce light
- Lighted pole/rod tip



- Fish finders or underwater cameras that produce artificial light
- Battery-powered light producing lures
- Submersible lights
- Chemical light sticks

